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Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award nominees announced



The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee has released its list of nominees for the 2022 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The nominees are "Find Fergus" by Mike Boldt, "Grace and Box" by Indiana author Kim Howard, "Now Now, Cow" by Tammi Sauer and illustrated by Indiana illustrator Troy Cummings, "One-Osaurus, Two-Osaurus" by Kim Norman and "We All Play" by Julie Flett.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Get INSPIRED: EBSCO Usage Statistics and Reports](#)

When: Feb. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Getting Started with Marketplace - Indiana Digital Library \(Overdrive\)](#)

When: Feb. 15, 1-2 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Integrate Book Connections Resources to Inspire Summer Reading](#)

When: Feb. 17, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Build a Better World at Work and in Life with Kindness and Gratitude](#)

When: Feb. 23, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Building Community Engagement and Awareness Through Little Free Library](#) (NEW DATE!)

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Youth and Teen Collection Librarian](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Public Services Librarian \(part-time\)](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Librarian](#)

La Porte County Public Library

[Public Services Librarian - Youth](#)

[Focus](#)

La Porte County Public Library

[Information Technology Specialist](#)

Lake County Public Library

[Museum Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Marion Public Library

[Director](#)

Nappanee Public Library

[Assistant Director and Head of Public Services](#)

University of Southern Indiana

[Assistant Director](#)

Waterloo Grant Township Public Library

Those who would like an Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word should submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

In its eighth year, the literacy award recognizes picture books that serve an important role in the first years of a child's life and encourages parents, caregivers and very young children to interact together with exceptional picture books.

Voting is limited to children who live in Indiana and who are under age 6 as of July 31. It is expected that most Indiana children will require help from a parent, caregiver or librarian. Children should circle their favorite Firefly nominee on their ballot and turn it in to their local voting location. This year, every public library system in Indiana will receive 15 print copies of the ballot and six sheets of Firefly stickers for marking nominees and winning titles. Packets of printed materials should arrive by late February or early March. Tallies will be accepted through July 31 and the award winner will be announced on Aug. 8. Voting locations should tally the votes and send them in an [email to the Indiana Center for the Book](#).

The Indiana Center for the Book will be releasing a program guide by March 15. The award nomination period runs through the summer, allowing librarians to do Firefly programs to coincide their summer reading programs.

The ballot will be available soon. Click [here](#) to learn more about the award.

The committee would like to thank TeachingBooks who supported printing and who put together additional Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award book information.

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), director of the Indiana Center for the Book, with any questions and to

When: Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Summer Reading 2022 Roundtable Discussion](#)

When: March 1, 1-2 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana 211 and Libraries](#)

When: March 16, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Curating and Maintaining Vibrant Collections for Users with Print Disabilities](#)

When: March 17, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - The Ins and Outs of On and Offboarding](#)

When: March 30, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Effective Staff Development on Any Budget](#)

When: April 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State Library cover current resources on governmental data at the state, national and international levels, all to keep the public well-informed. Follow the Indiana State Data Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

All about taxes



[There is still time to participate in library's Read. Do. Explore. program](#)
Eckhart Public Library

[Goshen library opens charging station](#)
Goshen Public Library

[Libraries more than just books](#)
Harrison County Public Library

[Library starts circulating LovEvery toy collection](#)
Harrison County Public Library

[Read to Feed Challenge underway](#)
Harrison County Public Library

[Indianapolis library making changes after racism allegations](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Library announces teen, adult programming](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Library board holds first meeting for 2022](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Free tax return assistance available by appointment at Morrisson-Reeves Library](#)
Morrisson-Reeves Library

[Library construction making progress](#)
Shelby County Public Library

[Warsaw library director celebrates 40 years of books, growth And community](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

receive additional Firefly Award social media materials.

What's Up Wednesday 'kind communication' webinar scheduled for Feb. 23



As part of the Indiana State Library's What's up Wednesday series, "Build a Better World at Work and in Life with Kindness and Gratitude" will be presented on Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 10-11 a.m.

Science has shown that people who practice gratitude in their lives show an increase in enthusiasm toward life, make more progress toward their personal goals, sleep better, show less symptoms of illness and depression and have more energy.

In this webinar, presenter David Seckman will discuss how cultivating kindness and gratitude can improve work and personal relationships, as well overall well-being. Learn how practicing "kind communication" can help determine the success of employee interactions with co-workers and customers alike. Discover the most important ingredient to improving team dynamics, according to a large research project sponsored by Google.

Seckman is the director of the Jeffersonville Township Public Library. He has been researching and studying the effects of kindness



It's income tax filing season! The [Indiana Department of Revenue](#) has [Indiana individual income tax forms](#) available online. Check out DOR's [FAQs for 2021 Tax Year \(Filed in 2022\)](#). Indiana residents who contribute to CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, may find this [tax credit information](#) from the Indiana State Treasurer useful. Some property tax deductions might be reported on Indiana income tax returns and the Indiana [Department of Local Government Finance](#) has [deduction forms](#) online for Hoosier taxpayers wishing to claim property tax deductions. Please note the qualifications, filing deadlines, and the county offices to send the forms for approval. Tax matters can be complicated, and the Indiana DOR's [legal resources](#) explains how to request written guidance from their Tax Policy Division and how to file an appeal.

Be aware of [scams targeting taxpayers](#), since the IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. If there is a problem, the IRS will mail a notice or letter, as explained on the webpage [Understanding your IRS notice or letter](#). Similarly, the Indiana DOR [warns of scams](#) impersonating the IRS or DOR. The Indiana Attorney General also warns of property tax exemption offers among the [scams targeting seniors](#).

For federal income tax filing, the Internal Revenue Service has [forms, publications, and instructions](#) available online. The IRS has information for filers concerning [child tax credit payments](#) and how to

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[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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State Library blog



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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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and gratitude on well-being and relationships for 15 years and speaking on these topics for the last 12 years. With over 10 years of experience as a library administrator and manager, he puts these concepts into practice on a daily basis.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff and will be held via Zoom. Click [here](#) to read more and click [here](#) to register.

Please contact [Kara Cleveland](#), Professional Development Office supervisor at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

Brownsburg Public Library offers new permanent kinetic art installation



The Brownsburg Public Library is offering a new permanent kinetic art installation in the library's children's area. The Everbright is similar to a giant Lite Brite™, but with a twist. Young artists can change the colors on the board and present their art creation for all to see.

Everbright is produced by Hero Design in Sacramento, California and was conceptualized by designer and neuroscientist Dr. Alan Rorie. This is the first installation of the Everbright in the state of Indiana and was made possible by a generous grant from Thomas A. Kays.

The [library](#) is located at 450 S. Jefferson St. in Brownsburg.

claim a missing [economic impact payment](#). All taxpayers are being encouraged to file online using [federal filing options](#) and [Indiana filing options](#) due to anticipated delays in processing paper returns. Check the IRS website for information about [free tax return preparation for qualifying taxpayers](#) and where to find VITA/TCE and AAPR Tax-Aide sites. To support volunteer tax preparers, Indiana DOR has created a [Volunteer Handbook](#), which contains legislative updates, due dates, changes to common forms and other information. The federal and state filing deadlines to submit 2021 tax returns or an extension to file and pay tax owed is Monday, April 18, 2022.

Blog Spotlight for February: Monroe County Public Library



This month's featured blog comes from the Monroe County Public Library. Titled Think Library, the blog features "news, staff picks, book reviews and more."

A recent staff picks blog, titled "[Inspiration for RPGs](#)," provides a list of fiction and nonfiction books selected to help those looking for inspiration for their next role playing game, board game or video game. Featured titles include "The Ruin of Kings" by Jenn Lyons, "Sparrow's Roar" by C. R. Chua and "The Legend of Zelda, Breath of the Wild: Creating a Champion."

Click [here](#) to visit the Monroe County Public Library blog.

Libraries interested in having their blog featured in a future issue of Wednesday Word should contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library.

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